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El Paso, Nov. 5th 1859.

EDITOR ARIZONIAN, SIR:—The green mantle
of nature vanishes with each fleeting hour, and
the serene and falling leaf, warns us of the ap-
proach of winter. The last petals of the sum-
mer flowers have fallen, and their fragrance
wafted far away, upon the "desert air." The
golden-winged butterfly made sportive bathing
in the nectar of roses, has returned to its silken
cell to dream until Spring shall return again.
The merry swallows, with their full-fledged
broods, have quit their tiny abodes, beneath the
projecting eaves, and fled upon their swift
pinions in search of more congenial climes.
Arizona has doffed her brilliant robes and as-
sumed one of a dusky hue, resembling the
"dirty black gown," of the song-ennobled
widow McCre.

'Tis now that "parting day dies like the
dolphin, when each pang imbues with a new
color."—The sombre days of the Indian Sum-
mer brings reflection to the soul, and we admire
the variety of the beauties of nature. The
crimson leaf, and brown meadow seem like
"old friends in adversity," and the heart still
cherishes and clings to them. 'Tis now, that
many a heart bounds with joy in anticipation
of "hog-killing season," and youths' dream
of crackling bread, and spare ribs. The bare-
footed boy skips like the nimble fawn, at the
idea of strutting in a pair of brand new boots
when winter comes, which brings its sweets as
well as its bitters, and which modern science
demonstrates mixed-up with a little whisky,
forms the cocktail, said by philosophers to be
an excellent substitute for milk.

El Paso is rapidly improving, and bids fair
in a short time, to vie with the beautiful and
flourishing town of Mesilla of your Territory.
Through the wise counsels and indefatigable
energy of our worthy Mayor, and Aldermen,
the City is again supplied with water, thus,
giving to the patrons of the Groceries oppor-
tunity to mix, if they see proper. All classes
and professions seem to be driving a fair busi-
ness, and the autumn weather, lends an air
of activity to the place.

The happy and smiling faces of the *Senoritas*
as they "go one eye" on a fellow, from be-
neath their *rubanas*, seems to indicate that
"peace reigns in Warsaw," and they don't
care a fig for the price of corn.

The Saloon of Messrs. Cook & Cameron,
of this place, was last night robbed of \$300
there appears to be no suspicion as to who com-
mitted the burglary.

The grand feast which is to come off in El
Paso de Mexico on the 8th of December, is
looked forward to with much pleasure and the
"Col." is now engaged in breaking a pair of
new boots for the *bailes* to come off on that
interesting occasion.

The demand for *Chihuahuan dogs* has di-
minished very much since the imposition upon
Mr. Reed of a *cur pup*, purchased some months

ago, and which Mr. R. now proposes to fight
a match for \$25 aside, against Mayor Gillock's
brindle, he being the largest dog in town.

The cold weather is producing quite a mania
for marrying among the young people of this
section. Prof. Hill accounts for this remarka-
ble fact, as follows: 1st, both parties *save* the
comforts of this life; 2dly, man is a gregarious
animal; and 3dly, woman is naturally super-
stitious, afraid of ghosts, and don't like to
slumber, in the singular number,—no how,
hence the result, for "*rich is life*."

Yerger of Isletta informs me that his old
stock soured, and that he sold it out to Parson's
for vinegar: he gives a grand *baile* to night
and will open a fresh barrel. I anticipate the
pleasure of being present both at the *tapping*
and *tripping*.

Much attention has recently been attracted
to the subject of Silver Mines, throughout this
region of country, owing to the discovery by
Mr. Samuel McGuffin of a rich silver lead, lo-
cated twelve miles to the N.E. of this place,
and about fifty miles S. W. of the celebrated
Stephenson mine, near Las Cruces, in your
Territory, which discovery has given rise to the
general belief, that rich deposits of silver, and
copper exists in the mountains, lying in the vi-
cinity of, and to the East of the Rio Grande.
Should future developments sustain this con-
clusion, it must prove the dawn of a new era,
to this the *half-way-house of the continent*.

There are many gay Lotharios in and about
this place, and it is frequently amusing to listen
to their romantic stories, after a moonlight
trot in El Paso de Mexico. A few nights since,
an individual, to whom I shall denominate the
title of Dampfool, but who at the *bailes*, enjoys
the euphonious sobriquet of *Pelon*, ventured
across the boundary line of the State of Chi-
huahua and Texas, and leisurely sauntered
through the suburbs of the ancient and inter-
esting city above mentioned. Enraptured by
the magnificent and dazzling splendor of the
surrounding scenery, and charmed by the soft
and gentle rays of the silver moon, as they
peered beautifully through the flickering foliage
of the *alamos*, time sped on fairy wings and
Dampfool found himself benighted; however,
not being an entire stranger in these parts,
it was not long ere he was ensconced under
the hospitable roof of a friend, and after a few
quaffs of the invigorating and delicious *rimo del*
pais, in token of affection and good will to his
companion, he retired for the night and wrapped
in the arms of "*Murphy*," was soon rambling
with old "*saxsus*," in a lovely valley where a
crystal brook, o'erhung with twining vines, glid-
ed softly o'er its bosom, and where the red deer
roams and the coyote loves to dwell—such was
the locale of the vision of Dampfool, when he
was aroused by a knock upon the door, the
hinges of which (the next moment) gave way,
with a crash, and the tall figure of a man,
stood upon the threshold, and his bright blade
gleamed fiercely in the moonlight.

Aghast, astonished, and struck dumb with fear,
He stood like bristles pore poor Pilon's *limo mata*?
A few impassioned words are uttered, and the
intruding *hombre* with the grim visage recedes
to the infinite delight of Dampfool, who at once
determines, to "stand nut upon the order of his
going," but *git up and git*. There was (save
the chimney) but one *getting out place* to the
apartment, but with a single bound, the "*rubicon*
is passed," when to his astonishment and
dismay he stands almost within arms reach of
four stalwart men, who quietly advanced to-
wards him, with a *carijo*, which to Dampfool
was like the tap of a drum upon a race course,
(the signal for starting) and away all hands go
Dampfool working beautifully in the lead, and
under a tight rein—turns a corner, hugging well
the inside track, here the ground was level and

firm, and gaining confidence in his speed, Dam-
phool ventures a squint over the left shoulder
at his pursuers, when he finds them, in the lan-
guage of Gila, "a little too close for comfort"
and loosening his collar, he put in at a killing
pace—the running at this juncture was beauti-
ful and exciting beyond measure—the skirts of
Dampfool's coat, (which he, unfortunately in
the hurry of the moment, had put on with the
collar downwards) stood square out from the
back of his neck like the pennant from the mast
head of a 74; however, this was no drawback
to his speed, for the rattling noise of his coat-
tails, as they flattered in the breeze, seemed to
have a telling effect upon his running, and im-
parted an impetus, similar to that of a tin pan
when tied to the tail of a car—But "*teapies*
fugit," as the *sport* said when his chronom-
eter went upon the turn against the *tiger*.

Suffice it to say, Dampfool made good his
retreat, and gained the river's shore, from
whence he embarked for Texas, in a *dog out*,
and reached the opposite shore in safety, after
running his craft aground on a mud flat, in
36.26, and one mile due East of Skillcorn's
blacksmith shop.

His appearance, upon reaching the Grocery
is indescribable, nor can any one hardly imag-
ine it, who never saw the late Charley Burke in
"Toodles."

The cause of the origin, &c. of this adventure
is not known. The only clue appertaining to
it, is the discovery the next morning, that Dam-
phool's stockings did not mate, being of differ-
ent colors, and one of them being much longer
in the leg than the other, and bearing upon it
the impress of a garter—and "*rich is life*."

POBLACION DE ARIZONA.

Nos congratulamos mucho de saber que el
Missouri Republican no se opone, a la organiza-
cion de Arizona. La opinion de uno peri-
odico tan importante como el Republican, ha-
bria sido amargamente, deplorada por el pue-
blo de Arizona, por dos razones primera, por
que solo podria oponerse bajo falsos, principios
y malos informes, y segunda por que, como
los comerciantes de Arizona, importan todos
sus efectos de San Luis y como el pueblo del
dicho Territorio contribuye asi directamente
al progreso y adelanto de dicha Ciudad, natu-
ralmente esperan que la prensa de dicha
pueblo soporte sus esfuerzos para el estableci-
miento de la ley y proteccion individual.

Tenemos algunos Comentarios que hacer
con respecto al Editorial del Republican que
ultimamente hemos visto concerniente a la po-
blacion de Arizona. Comentando sobre la carta
del Vicario General de N. M. confirmando el
hecho del Hon. Sr. Moway que la poblacion
del Territorio excede de 10,000 almas escluyen-
do los Indios el Republican dice, "Admitiendo
el hecho, que exista tal poblacion la cuestion
es ahora de que se compone? Cuantos hom-
bres decentes hay? si como presumimos la
poblacion consiste de la escoria de los Estados
del norte de Mexico, es muy dudoso si el con-
greso tendra la voluntad de concederles un
Gobierno Territorial.

El Republican va muy fuera de camino en
este asunto, lo mismo que en otros, cuya cau-
sa es las extraordinarias cartas de su correspon-
sal "*Gila*" quien por ignorancia o malicia
o tal vez por ambas cosas no es capaz de de-
cir la verdad en ningun asunto que concierne
a la Arizona. El voto total de Arizona es de
dos a tres mil, los votos Americanos, Gente
decente, (espresandolos en el lenguaje del
Republican) de Arizona es poco mas o menos
de ocho cientos. Creemos que la estimamos
por lo bajo, y el censo del ano entrante lo pro-
vara. Este numero de votos crece continua-
mente, y bajo un Gobierno Territorial sera en

may poco tiempo el de la mayoria.

De la poblacion Mexicana en el Rio Grande
y el Tucson, no podemos menos de decir que
no se encuentra otra de mejor comportamiento
en ninguna otra parte del pais; la mayor parte
son labradores muy honrados en el pago de
sus deudas y muy complidos en sus compromi-
sos no se puede pedir una prueba mas evidente
de esto, pues es un hecho que nuestros comer-
ciantes, asi como las factorias del sur les adel-
antan todo lo que necesitan a cuenta de sus
cuentas de trigo y cebada mas de y cumplen
religiosamente cuando levantan sus cuentas,
sin embargo del olvido tan vergonzoso de parte
del Gobierno de proveer a este pais de leyes,
sobre el cual ha comprado jurisdiccion no hay
comparsacion en materia de buena conducta
con ninguna comunidad fronteriza. Ademas
de esto, nuestra poblacion Mexicana aprecia
los beneficios de la ley Americana y estan
guilados y gobernados por la influencia Ameri-
cana. Podemos nombrar en esta pueblo del
Territorio un numero de Caballeros Mexicanos
de educacion e ideas liberales, quienes harian
honor por su inteligencia y facilidad de len-
guaje a cual quiera asamblea legislativa. Es-
tos individuos son Americanos en ideas y senti-
mientos, y estos guiados por Americanos mane-
jarian los asuntos.

Los asesinatos y depredaciones cometidas
por Mexicanos se limitan enteramente a la fron-
tera de Sonora. Tubay que se desdobló com-
pletamente el ano de 1854, ha sido pecu-
liarmente la excusa de tales dificultades—Los
auilacheores no son ciudadanos de Arizona,
pasan la linea a rolar y al cometer todo
clase de crímenes y luego se retiran. En nada
estan interesados con los hombres pacíficos y
ciudadanos honrados del Tucson, Mesilla, las
Cruces, Dona Ana, la Mesa, San Tomas y otras
puntos. Otra razon. Los residentes en el
Territorio al tiempo de la adquisicion, por el
tratado de Gadsden fueron especialmente inves-
tidos con los derechos de ciudadanos y no se les
puede privar de estos privilegios. Son en su
mayor parte bastante inteligentes para conocer
sus intereses y los mantienen consistentemente.
El curso tan firme que han seguido en la po-
litica establecida por las convenciones de 1837-
56-59 y la disposicion unanime que han mostra-
do por el que ha sostenido sus derechos es una
prueba mas conclusiva. El Republican y toda
la prensa del pais pueden confiar con toda se-
guridad que encontraran en Arizona si se or-
ganiza como Territorio una comunidad politica
Americana en sentimientos en accion y en
todo.

HARD TO HEAT.—The best thing we have heard
of an antiquarian is told of William F. Good-
win, of Concord, N. H. who is acknowledged
to be the greatest antiquarian in New England.
Mr. Goodwin, in order to add another valuable
volume of legal lore to his already well stocked
library, is engaged in hunting up copies of the
celebrated criminal trials that have taken place
in the state of New Hampshire. Observing
in a catalogue of books issued by an old dis-
tinguished publishing house in New York, that
a copy of a trial he was in search of was for
sale, Mr. Goodwin immediately wrote to the firm
requesting them to forward it to him. By
due course of mail he received a letter inform-
ing him that the copy of the trial he desired had
been sold, but that they could procure another
copy for him, and that their business was so
extensive, both in this country and in Europe,
that they could furnish him with a copy of
any trial he might desire. Mr. Goodwin hav-
ing been placed in the same position by at-
tempting to purchase catalogue books with pri-
ces annexed, wrote back the following short but
pithy note:

Concord, N. H. July 2d, 1859.
Messrs.—Gentlemen: Yours of the 30th
June is at hand. Be kind enough to procure
for me, as soon as may be, one copy of the trial
of the "*two thieves*," who were hanged, "one
on the right hand and the other on the left," of
our Saviour, when he was crucified, and very
much obliged.

Your obedient servant,

W. F. GOODWIN.

P. S.—Be very careful and get the edition
that contains the indictment, for I have never
been able to find out what those two rascals
stole.